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NO: CW-8007 April 9, 1962.SUBJECT: Exclusion of the Present Government of Cuba from Participation
in the Inter-American System and Its Effects on Cuba's
International Obligations.

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TO: All American Diplomatic and Consular Posts; USUN, New York

In connection with the exclusion of the present Government of Cuba from participation in the organs and organizations of the inter-American system there has arisen the question of how such exclusion might affect the obligations of that Government under international instruments to which the State of Cuba is a party.

The position of the United States on this matter is that the Punta del Este action in no way reduces or lessens these obligations. Resolution VI of the 8th IAH was purposely drafted to exclude only the present Government of Cuba from participation in the organs and agencies of the inter-American system. The membership of the State of Cuba in the system is not affected. In other words, the right of participation of the Castro regime in the councils of the system has been suspended because of that regime's incompatibility with the principles and objectives of the system. But the obligations of the State of Cuba, by virtue of its being a party to the international treaties and agreements which establish and regulate the system, have not been otherwise altered.

The addressees should make clear our position on Cuba's obligations within the inter-American system should this matter be raised by local officials.

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